



**Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 7, 2019**

**The Lord has done great things
for us; We are filled with joy.**

St. Jerome Church

5550 Thornburn Street Los Angeles, CA 90045
www.stjeromelax.org 310-348-8212

Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: Court 402 at their Christmas Breakfast for local foster children

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday 8:30am-noon; 1pm-4:30pm

Friday - 10am-1:30pm

SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily (Mon-Sat) Mass - 8am

Sunday Masses - 5:30pm (Vigil), 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 5:30pm

Confessions - Friday 9-10am and Saturday 4-5pm

Holy Hour - Wed. 8:30am Novena and Benediction &

Wed. 6:30pm with Our **Lady of Perpetual Help** prayers at 7pm

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

Cenacle of Our Lady—Thursday 1:15pm

First Friday- Eucharistic Adoration follows Mass, Benediction at 10am.

RECTORY STAFF

Our Pastor: Fr. Bill Bolton **424-543-4681**

Associate Pastor: Fr. Valentine Ibe **424 209-9961**

Our Deacon: Senior Deacon Guy and Helene Wauthy

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SCHEDULING SERVICES (310-348-8212)

Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory

Baptisms: Must call rectory 6 weeks in advance to schedule

Communion to the Sick and Homebound: call the rectory

Funerals: contact the rectory to set date and time

Anniversaries, Quinceañera, Memorials: call the rectory

Weddings - Call the rectory 6 months in advance to set the date.

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

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Youth Ministry (Teens) and Confirmation

Religious Education and Sacramental Prep for Children

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA): 310-348-8212

St Jerome's Catholic School (pre-K to 8th gr): 310-670-1678

www.st-jeromeschool.org Principal: Mr. Tom MacDonald

SCRC Prayer Mtg (7pm Fri): Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Senior Center: (ext. 314) Allene Muccia 310-216-7354

Sunday School for Toddlers (11am Mass): Obi Nwabuzor

Tuesday Evening (7:30-9pm) Bible Study:

Alan Bernstein 310-645-5355 or Steve Picard 310 487-2724

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters: Kathy Fitzpatrick 310-703-2519

Knights of Columbus: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287

Knights of Peter Claver: Devron Carter 310-256-0101

Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: Bonnie Hall 323-295-2432

LIFE, CHARITY, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRIES

Creation Sustainability Jacqueline Welsh 310-283-8258

Detention Ministry (Restorative Justice):

Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Food Pantry LAX: Johnny Albano 310-641-8871

Immigration: Noreta Jose 310-367-6557

Respect Life: Louise Meehan 310-641-0842

Safeguard the Children: call the rectory 310-348-8212

Voice in the Wilderness Tom Lenert 310-649-3245

Soup Kitchen (Every 3rd Sat.): Jude Ramlochan 310-348-9380

Our mission is to SHARE God's message with all people, to OFFER support to those in need, to PROMOTE Christian values and commitment to the family, to FOSTER a loving and welcoming environment enriched by culture and age diversity, and to DEEPEN spiritual growth through sacraments, prayer and service.

From Fr. Bill

"I am not religious. I am spiritual."

This sort of response requires a fair degree of arrogance, self-deception and ignorance. In a world that claims that feelings trump reality, that truth is subjective and that religion is the source of oppression and evil... this has become a fairly common excuse given by people who reject the structure, standards, evaluation and accountability which should come hand-in-glove with organized religion.

This is the "make your own religion" game. You get to make and adjust your beliefs and practices as desired. Some actually do use some forms of meditation or contemplation. Many are "nice" people who view those who have "religion" as hypocrites who fall short of the ideals they profess. Being spiritual, you can't be a hypocrite as you get to alter your beliefs to match your behavior.

When you build on someone's word, who the someone is, matters. We do need to discern. When one is offering one's own brand of salvation, what is it based on? We have the crucified and resurrected (Jesus). We have not only God's Word made flesh but the eyewitnesses (apostles and martyrs) who were willing to be tortured and killed in testimony to what they had seen and heard in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. St. Peter warns us to be wary of people who create cleverly concocted myths... which spiritual people can be lead towards without the foundation of a religion.

I have known some spiritual people who I consider genuinely good... but I need something to help me be better. Being Catholic is difficult. Jesus came to help stretch us to loving-mercy and kindness beyond what we think ourselves capable. A poor, powerless Albanian woman (Mother Theresa) becomes one of the most influential people of her time. An injured soldier reflects on the emptiness of so much human activity (St. Ignatius of Loyola) and commits himself to becoming a soldier for Christ. A peasant boy sees the flocks of young people being abused in the industrial revolution (St. John Bosco) and perseveres to become a shepherd for the young. A lad hears the slurs, has doors slammed in his face, spat upon, but still responds to the call to become a priest (Blessed Gus Tolton) to share the liberating news of Jesus Christ with the people of Chicago.

These men and women knew they fell short, but that didn't stop them from being committed, trusting and striving to bring their best for the Lord and His children. Living as a Catholic is difficult. We have standards: the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church. We have guidelines for our daily lives: the Corporal Works of Mercy (feed the

hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the ill, visit the imprisoned, and help bury the dead) and the Spiritual Works of Mercy (instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear patiently those who wrong us, forgive offenses, comfort the afflicted, and to pray for both the living and the dead).

Our baptism makes us responsible for our brother and sister. My being baptized makes me responsible to my brother and sister. We help each other stay on the path: encouraging, supporting, correcting and staying humble in walking with our God-with-us, Emmanuel.

It is our failure to be religious... to walk the talk, together... which makes religion and Catholicism an all too easy target in a world steeped in the culture self-pleasure and death.

We are given the promise of salvation. Alone, pride (self-deception and self-justification) will lead one down a road of good intentions... with eternal consequences. Humanity left to its own devices leads to hatred, anger, division, domination, deceit and violence. (Check out "the Lord of the Flies." Also, have you noticed that some believe that there is only justice when someone else is punished or made to pay? "I have been hurt so someone else must be hurt.") We are offered forgiveness and mercy... but challenged to not cast the well-deserved stone.

"When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world... Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world."

For a Catholic and a Christian, being religious is about changing myself and seeking to be more like Christ. Of course I will fall short but that doesn't mean we shouldn't take Jesus' hand and arise to follow Him. "Heaven is when we stop falling. Hell is when we stop getting up."

Make a good confession before Easter. Our Penance Service is Wednesday, April 10th at 7pm. We also offer confession each Friday morning from 9am to 10am, on Saturdays from 4pm to 5pm, and during the Stations of the Cross at 7pm on the Friday's of Lent.

Please note: there are no confessions on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Also, the first mass on Easter Sunday will begin at 7am rather than the usual 7:30am. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Pray with and for others. Fast from technology and make yourself more available to those around you. Give alms of patience, forgiveness and loving-kindness.

St. Jerome's School Collection



Today the second collection basket will help support our school. Each month please remember to use the yellow "School Support" envelopes to help our catholic families and their children have access to a great education which should be their right..not just for the privileged few. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Our children are our future.

The Sacrament of Penance During Lent

We invite you to come to our parish Lenten Penance Service on **Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm.** If it has been months or years since you last received this sacrament, pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit to make a good confession before Easter on April 21st.



Palm Sunday

Next weekend, **April 13th & 14th,** is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the beginning of Holy Week distribution of palms will be at the beginning of each Liturgy. The liturgical color is red and parishioners are invited to wear something red for this Solemnity.

Volunteers are needed to clean palms in the parish hall on Friday, April 12th after the 8:00am Mass.

Lenten Supper Fridays!

Please join us for Friday Dinners during Lent to gather together and support "Operation Rice Bowl." The meals are sponsored by different groups within our parish. While there is not a set fee for the meal, **any donation will be greatly appreciated** and will go to support the Operation Rice Bowl Fund.

See you this Friday in the parish hall from 5:30pm to 6:45pm!

You're invited to join us in the Church every Friday at 5pm to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet



Stations of the Cross And Confession

The Stations occur every Friday during Lent at **7:00pm** in the church. Different groups will present special themes for each of these Fridays.

Confessions will be heard during Stations from 7pm to 8pm. If scheduled confession times don't work for you, you may call the to schedule an appointment.

Last Weekend's Collection

March 30th and 31st 2019: \$15,442 (Envelopes)

March 31th - Apr 1st, 2018: \$21,038.72 (Envelopes)

Senior Center

Mon. April 8: 12-4pm, Rosary Cards & Social

Wed. April 10: 12-4pm, Games for prizes, Cards & Social

For more information, please call the Senior Center at 310 216-7354.



Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please pray for our Elect and Candidates. Ask Jesus to fill them with His Spirit and continue to transform them into a clearer and more focused image of God that they are made and called to be. This process of on ongoing conversion is also our responsibility as "working in progress" and His saints in the making. Lent is the season we commit to intentionally and consciously work on this program of our life.

Holy Matrimony Celebration

Congratulations to

Gregory and Celeste Modester

who have become married in the Catholic Church.

May God bless them!



Operation Rice Bowl



We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their live. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit csricebowl.org

Next Sunday, please make your Rice Bowl donations by check made payable to: St Jerome Church for the amount you wish to donate. Place the check in a separate envelope indicating funds are for Operation Rice bowl. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You

The Knights of Columbus Council 3744 extends our sincere gratitude to the parishioners of St. Jerome for their generous support of our Rancho San Antonio Boys Home of the West raffle ticket sales. Your generosity will truly make a difference in the lives of the young men in residence at Rancho San Antonio. Your support provides for one more step in the new direction of their lives.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Thank you for your generous donations to last weekend collection. Catholic Relief Services works with communities and partners overseas to improve lives in areas of Education, Agriculture, HIV/AIDS and Peace Building. If you missed this collection and would still like to contribute, envelopes are on the church tables and pews.

Our Light Our Legacy

St. Mary's Academy, the oldest all girls Catholic High School in Los Angeles, is celebrating its 130th Birthday. We are hosting a fundraising Gala for the first time. The event will be **April 13, 2019,** at the Millennium Biltmore in Downtown Los Angeles. Proceeds will support the Scholarship. For more information, please call St. Mary's at **310 674-8470, or go to bidpal.net/sma130.net**

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 04/06—5:30pm FB For Victims of Child Abuse (SI)
Sun. 04/07—7:30am SJ Special Int. of the Bah Family (SI)
9:00am FV St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
11:00am FB Cynthia Rexicker (M)
5:30pm FP Gabriella Garber (M)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 04/08—8:00am FV Special Int. of the Bah Family (SI)
Tues. 04/09—8:00am FB Charisse Egay (SI)
Wed. 04/10—8:00am FB Fr. Daniel Brandenburg (SI)
Thurs. 04/11—8:00am FV Thomas Polverari (M)
Fri. 04/12—8:00am FV For Religious Vocations (SI)
Sat. 04/13—8:00am FB In Memory Of:
Emmanuel Buttler, Nicholas Iasurrsi, Peggy Jackson,
Frances Lalan, Sandy Mitchell, Marie Munoz,
Cynthia Rexicker, Anthony Wiggins

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FV 7:30am FB, 9am SJ, 11am FV, 5:30pm FB
Fr. Bill (FB) Fr. Valentine (FV) Jesuit Priest (SJ) Guest (FG)
Memorial (M) Special Intention (SI) Thanksgiving (T)

Prayers for the Sick

Darlene Bejnar	Mark Bejnar	James Bennett
Senen Blanco	Jamie Brazile	Vincent Butt
Robert Buchanan	Bobbie Campbell	Josephine Cullison
Rorrie de la Vega	Elizabeth Ezeana	Chris Ezeokoli
Kathy Fitzpatrick	Lordes Flores	Anne Gingris
Hank Grady	Miguel Garcia	George Koury
Mark Ludwig	Bob Migneault	Maria Navaro
Jerry Neubauer	Angela Parks	Chela Perez
Dorothy Polk	Sam Quatto	Betty Spindler
Kondra Tapia	Sandra Walker	Sr. Pauline Daries
Germaine Nickels-Chau	Sr. Betty Nickels, O.P.	


Novena To Our Mother Of Perpetual Help



Every Wednesday morning immediately following the 8am Mass, you are invited to spend time in Adoration and Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help. The novena is intended to ask for a particular favor or blessing or to give thanks for blessings received.

For those who can't make it in the morning, we also have it in the evening at 6:30pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY:

Our dinner is every Friday during Lent. Enjoy  our Alaskan Cod or Shrimp, with either a baked potato, French Fries or Onion Rings along with Cole Slaw and a Roll. **Adults are \$12.00 & children \$8.00.** Dinner served between **5:30-7:30 pm** Take-outs available. Hall is located at 8049 W. Manchester Blvd. 310.821-2324

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server:	Rectory Office	310-348-8212
Eucharistic Min.:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474
Hospitality:	Joyce Holt	310-649-5586
Lectors:	Cathy Fitzpatrick	310-337-6929
Music:	Jim Drollinger	310-617-2465
Ushers:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474



Coffee and Donuts

The Youth Group will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses. Come join us! the hall!

St. Jerome School

St. Jerome School is accepting applications for Pre-K, Transitional K & Grades K thru Grade 8. Applications may be downloaded from our website or you may visit the school office to pick one up. Visit www.stj-jeromeschool.org or call 310 670-1678.



Family Fun Day and Rummage Sale

This weekend!

Sunday, April 7, 2019

9am-4pm

Food! Games! Music! Crafts!

This April: St. Jerome School will be holding a clothing and shoe drive!! Start collecting today—Event will be held later this month. Don't throw items out or donate to another organization. The more bags we collect..the more money we'll raise!!

Tips for collecting extra bags:

Garage Sales: ask to have seller donate what they do not sell. **Dry Cleaners:** see if there are any items that have not been collected.

Lost and Found: schools, workplaces, churches.

33 Gallon Bags: recommended for best results.

For more info call Michele Johnson 949-246-0248

Mark Your Calendar:

November 9th and 10th

St. Jerome's 2019 Holiday Craft Faire



St. Jerome's 70th Anniversary

Our church is going to publish a new pictorial through *Life Touch Family Photography* for our 70th Anniversary! Each family/house hold that comes for a photograph and portrait viewing at the church will receive a complimentary directory and 8x10 Customer Color Portrait.

The photographers will be at our parish to take your pictures on April 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th & 16th.

You can schedule your appointment on our website Monday thru Friday (only) at www.stjeromelax.org and on weekends we will have volunteers in the parish hall to schedule appointments. Don't be left out, make your appointment today!